

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 748

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study the provision of free telephones to certain at-risk citizens.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the feasibility of providing certain at-risk citizens, including, but not limited to, pregnant women, families with newborn babies, senior citizens, and failing or underperforming students, with free mobile telephones and/or free land-line telephones and related technology to enhance their access to and utilization of government-sponsored services and public information, including, but not limited to, health care, public emergency notification and information, education, and mentoring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall consist of one (1) member of each of the following committees for a total of eight (8) members, each to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker of the senate, as appropriate:

House commerce committee;

House education committee;

House health and human resources committee;

House children and family affairs committee;

Senate commerce, labor and agriculture committee;

Senate education committee;

Senate general welfare, health and human resources committee; and

Senate judiciary committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the general assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly no later than February 1, 2011, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.